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House Membership

Representative Jim Keffer



Biographical Information

JAMES L. "JIM" KEFFER was elected to the Texas House of Representatives from District 60 in November of 1996. Born in San Angelo, Texas on January 20, 1953, Jim graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas. A committed small businessman, he received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Telecommunications from Texas Tech University in 1975, and has been President of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc., an iron foundry with plants in Eastland and Albany since 1988.

House Speaker, Tom Craddick appointed Jim the Chairman of the House Committee on Economic Development, and he continues to serve on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee. He is an active member of the Rural Caucus, and was recently named to the Select Committee on Public School Finance.

Representative Keffer was named as one of the five best members of the House of Representatives by Gallery Watch who stated, "This is the kind of state representative who should be at the top of anybody's list of the "best." Keffer quietly chaired the House Economic Development Committee, without confrontations. He showed himself to be a good, hard-working member of the House more interested in passing good legislation than getting good sound bites."

Jim has received numerous awards including: the Texas Association of Business "Fighter for Free Enterprise Award", the "Freedom and Family Award" from the Texas Eagle Forum, the Texas Industrial Vocational Association's "Outstanding Leader Award"; the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas "Golden Flame Award", and the Texas Academy of Family Physician's "Patient Advocacy Award" to name a few.

Community involvement is important to Jim, and he is currently a member of several local and national business organizations, including the Board of Directors of the Eastland National Bank, the Texas Cast Metals Association, the Texas Association of Business, the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, the American Foundry Society and American Waterworks Association. He also serves as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of Eastland.

Jim married his wife of 28 years, Leslie Bradley Keffer, in 1975. They currently make their home in Eastland, Texas, and are the proud parents of three sons.

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